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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: EXHAUST PURIFYING APPARATUS FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE AND A FAILURE PREVENTION METHOD THEREFOR

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of TWENTY-FIVE (25) pages
- FOUR (4) sheet(s) formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119
based on Application No(s). 2002-186165 filed in JAPAN on
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b. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

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